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A Warning, a Warning from the Lord, in Mercy to the People, to see if they will yet seek him.


Watch and Repent, turn turn to the Lord with fear and trembling; cease from all Evil, and learn to do well; put away the evil of your Doings, and let not the dependency of your Happiness be upon Money; for that hath been the great *Magna Charta* of the World, and still is the mammon of unrighteousness, the disturber of much Peace, but be contented to stand still a little, that ye may see every one for themselves the great Salvation of God to such as are willing to live in his fear; and what the Lord he will do for a People that can yet trust him, but if ye will yet sin out your day, then is there not cause of lamentation, and woe, woe, woe, from God to this great proud Place, whose sins are great, saith the Lord; What shall I do for thee, O most proud? the fits and injustice that is in thee, crys loud, crys loud, crys loud, how shall I help thee? can I be unjust? how can I purge thee and not afflict thee? can I be like a whorish Woman joined to many Lovers? judge thy self, see thy sin, that I may shew Mercy and not Judgment; see thy self Repent and live; for I the Lord cannot be unjust, nor my Spirit will not always strive with man, for their Corruptions and Sins are many, and now the woe is come to the Children of Men, and to the Women that are with Child and give suck, and for to aid the Sword, the innocent Babe is numbered, from the womb to the Grave, and the Dead to destroy the Living. — O crying Sin! should man meddle in the grave, or with life springing from the womb; which life is given by the Invisible God, which can give and take away at his own good pleasure. This the Lord hath shewed me to be his Prerogative; and Oh that it might be considered! Remember *David's* Sin, when he said, *go number Israel*; and for this Man's attempt in such numbrings, the Lord hath said, *he will number by his judgments*, and in like manner send forth his destroying Angel till Divine Justice is satisfied, and the Lord say it is enough. And many in times past, as well as now, have set up themselves in Pride and Aultry, or one thing or another, when they should have done my work, saith the Lord: Therefore as I have pleaded with this City with Sword, Pestilence, Plague, and Fier, so I will yet plead with this City and Nation: O thou most Proud! the Sins and Injustice in thee crys loud, and if they do not like affliction, then let their be a returning and repenting, that I may have mercy, and they press forward to the great Work of Salvation: For is God the Lord like corruptable man? I tell ye nay; for *except ye repent ye shall likewise perish*. Therefore turn and repent, and live; do not give life to the beast that gives life to any Image, that is, for blotted Sin and Wickedness. Join not with *Babylon*, be good patterns and examples, in the hand of the Lord to your neighbouring Nations; for as sure as the Lord hath gently shook the Earth in our parts, and we have felt it, so sure will the Lord cause the standings and foundations of Men, to be both tryed and shaken; and they that are found too light shall be as stubble; and as the Prophet *Jeremiah* he saw in his day, Reprobate Silver shall Men call them; but for the sake of a remnant their is yet a day of Mercy held forth to this Na-

tion, in the Lords tender Bowels of love and compassion, if the People in it will except thereof. And this Word came to me also, Thus saith the Lord, If the Wise Men that are in thee, O *England!* O *England!* would yet return to me, then would I open a way for her Peace, but if not, then a scourge, an overflowing scourge, shall yet visit her, and they that will not bow in mercy, must yet bow in sore and terrible Judgments; for a door is laid open to *England*, and a People in her as a House, seen to the Lord, full of Abomination, for which will come dissolution; they are polluted and unstabled in their ways, and the Work in her doth not prosper, because of their Evil and Rebellion to God, and stiffness one to another, rejecting the Spirits Teachings, making a mock at Sin. Therefore warn them to turn from their Pride and Deceit, that I may be clear of their blood both within and without, both Spiritual and Temporal; they have polluted my Sanctuary and exalted themselves, not considering from whence I took them, and to exalt my Name, but they have done worse than their Forefathers have done, who were not come so far in the knowledge of Perfection which I require at their hands, and that they break off their Sins by timely Repentance, that the world may see their Works. Repent and amend, and come to acts of Charity, and shew mercy, which is of great price in the sight of the Lord; and to shew compassion to the poor; then would peace and plenty abound, But because of their Evil and Rebellion to God, and stiffness one to another, judgment will be poured forth, the Lord hath said, at his appointed time it will come to this Nation as well as others, if they Repent not; so here is Judgment or Mercy, chuse ye either: But if they will yet live in Rebellion to God, and yet again sin out their day, then my plagues will yet light upon them; so warn them, that they may be clear, saith the Lord, who is getting himself a name amongst the Heathen: And such as know not God shall be brought to know him, that rules by his Invisible Arm and Power and Strength, and they shall enter the Kingdom before many that have a name to live, and are dead. And that which would yet make this Nation happy is, that it were united in its own Bowels, first to seek the Lord for Peace, that the door of Mercy might be opened, and every one lift up their hearts to him in this great Work, and so come to live in Christs peaceable Kingdom, and then to be united in every thing that makes for Peace. Seek the Lord in Love and good Will to all Men, seek Peace and pursue it; for the crys of the Poor and Distressed are grown very high, and the Creation grows to be delivered, and as this hath been the joy of Nations, so if what's amiss is not mended, it will be a stink in the Nostrils of Men. Therefore turn turn to the Lord and seek him, that ye may be preserved by an Arm, above that of Men; for if sin reign, you see the Lord will acquit no Man therein, altho' he may find out many inventions, the Lord will not give Peace by wicked men nor wicked ways; for it is Righteousness that exalts a Nation, but sin is a reproach to any People. The Lord in mercy is calling to seek Peace, upon terms of Repentance and Obedience

bedience and turning to him, and in love one to another so to accomplish Peace that it may continue. Then subdue Sin every one in themselves, or else you are but adding to your distresses: Therefore Repent and turn to the Lord, live to God, and as Christ hath commanded you, so love one another. Be good examples to your neighbouring Nations that they may be enlightened by you, and the other Sheep brought into Christs peaceable one Fold, to hear the Voice of the Son of God, that all that hear may come to live. And the end of all Preaching is certainly to raise the Dead and establish the Living; that those that are Dead in Sin may come to Righteousness, and live to God, and so come to the one Shepherd, being but one Sheep and one Sheep-fold. But would it not be a grief and a dishonor also to any master for his Servants, in their Journey, their hearts so to divide and fall out by the way being but a little from home and it may be so long till the night is so far come on, that many of them lose their way on both sides, and if any bite and devour one another, take heed ye be not consumed one of another, (and by your Enemies also.) And if Sin remain unbridled, no arm can deliver you, nor being call'd by any name in Religion whatsoever it may be, if any live in sin it availeth nothing how great soever the number may be, the name of a good Christian will not do, and be worse than some Turks in practise, altho there is no name under Heaven whereby any can be saved but by the name of Jesus, to which all tongues must confess, and Soul and Spirit bow. And well is it for those that are Leavened into the nature of a Christian, that they may not dishonor their Master, but give their Hearts to God, being redeemed from the Earth, so to follow the Lamb wheresoever he leads them, such he will yet gather to stand before the Throne, from all Nations, Kindreds, Tongues and People: The Seed of the Kingdom is a great multitude, such as no man could Number; and they that fear God and work Righteousness, shall be accepted, and are willing to cleanse their hands from shedding of Blood, and keep themselves unspotted from the World; so keep to the pure spotless Seed; for as man hath made a distinction between Silver and Silver, and Coin and Coin, so the Lord is again shewing a difference between Seed and Seed; and there are but two Seeds either of man's happiness or unhappiness, a good Seed or a bad Seed, a right way or a wrong; the one leads to the Kingdom of Peace, in love and life, the other to the Kingdom of Darkness, in enmity and death, if continued in; but they that come to grow as the good Seed they come to reap in the end, if they faint not, life everlasting, a Crown that can never be taken away, but they that hearken to the Enemy of their Peace, if they sleep, he will sow Tares; and if they, I say, continue in Sin to the end of their days, the Lord of the Harvest will say to the Reapers his Angels, gather the Wheat and burn the Tares: But if men speak all manner of Evil of you falsely for Christs sake, that matters not, happy are ye, rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in Hea-

ven: And let all those that think they stand take heed lest they fall, but let your good works so shine forth before Men, that others may come to see them and glorify your Father which is in Heaven; but strive not for mastership, for they that do well have but one master, even God, and ye are Brethren; but if ye strive one with another, there is an Arm that will be too hard for man to stand against. And, I say, as men have made a distinction between Silver and Silver, and Coin and Coin, so the Lord is again shewing a difference between Seed and Seed: and as the Treasury's of some hath been turned and over-turned, so that that which hath been laid up for Posterity, is not now good but as it hath been found in substance and fineness, and hath been brought to tryal and found short of that riches it hath been laid up for; so in like manner will the Lord turn and over-turn till Christ comes to Reign, whose Right it is, and they that are in the end found too light, will be as the false Coin and diminish'd Silver, not current but as it is found in fineness, being weighed in the balance so to be valued. So seek the Lord while it is call'd to day, lest the night come, in which darkness it will not be in the power of no man to work for you, and greater calamities and distresses come to this Nation then hath already come; therefore cease from evil and learn to do well, seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is nigh, and is calling to you to turn to him, in mercy to your selves, that ye may stand still and see his great Salvation, repent and come to live, and they that keep their eye to the Lord and seek him, and so press forward to the mark of the High Calling of the Glory of God, his peace he will give them, his peace he will leave with them, such peace as the World cannot give nor take away; so keep near to the Lord, that the common Enemy of man's peace which is going about like a roaring Lion, seeking whom he may devour, may not disturb your peace, but that all may dread and fear before the great Jehovah the living Almighty God, that it may be well with you, and that all may build up and not pull down, but might be found in the innocency of the Seed that leads to the Kingdom in Peace, in true Wisdom, and as polish'd Stones, living to God as his building; and well will it be if all hold out to the end, for its the end that Crowns all the labour in the love of God so to help one another. Chuse the good and eschew evil. So committing all to Gods Grace, the Word of his pure Power which is sufficient, and in universal Love and Good Will to all Men, in that pure Faith that is sure and steadfast.

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 This Warning and Reproof the Lords Counsel and Word of advice, I dare not withhold from this my Native Land, the day being Evil, and very perilous Times, that all might lift up their Hearts to God, and seek him in this Great Work of Salvation, in the way of Peace.

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